

Substitute for Form 1449 A & B/PTO		Complete if Known	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Use as many sheets as necessary)		Application Number	09829584
		Confirmation Number	7961
		Filing Date	April 9, 2001
		First Named Inventor	KAUFFMAN, Steven V.
		Art Unit	2173
		Examiner Name	Basom, Blaine T
		Attorney Docket Number	A8692
Sheets	1	of	1

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
		Number	Kind Code ² (if known)		
BVB		US 5,596,565	A	01-21-1997	Yonemitsu et al.
BVB		US 6,079,566	A	06-27-2000	Eleftheriadis et al.
BVB		US 5,801,685	A	09-01-1998	Miller et al.
BVB		US 6,360,234	B2	03-19-2002	Jain et al.
BVB		US 6,151,017	A	11-21-2000	Suzuoka et al.
BVB		US 6,075,576	A	06-13-2000	Tan et al.
BVB		US 5,903,563	A	05-11-1999	Rashid et al.
BVB		US 5,862,450	A	01-19-1999	Mandal et al.
BVB		US 5,818,539	A	10-06-1998	Naimpally et al.
BVB		US 5,815,689	A	09-29-1998	Shaw et al.
BVB		US 5,583,868	A	12-10-1996	Rashid et al.
BVB		US 5,559,562	A	09-24-1996	Ferster
BVB		US 5,526,024	A	06-11-1996	Gaglianella et al.
BVB		US 4,939,585		07-03-1990	Kawaguchi et al.

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document			Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Translation ⁶
		Country Code ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵ (if known)			
BVB		CA	02239317		11-30-1998		Yes
BVB		JP	9-65303	A	03-07-1997		Abstract

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city, and/or country where published.	Translation ⁶

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	10/28/2004
--------------------	---	-----------------	------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov, MPEP 901.04 or in the comment box of this document. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST. 3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to indicate here if English language Translation is attached.